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Meet The Directors: Reinaldo Rivera, Jr. – Northeastern Region

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Hello and thank you for visiting the CRS Northeastern Region page. My name is Reinaldo Rivera, Jr., I am the Regional Director of the CRS Northeastern Regional Office. Our office serves the states of New Jersey and New York, as well as the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands.

With a concentration of over 31 million people, our region serves some of the most densely-populated and diverse communities in the country. Our region also serves the Six Nations of the Iroquois Confederacy and the Shinnecock Indian Nation.

The Community Relations Service is the Department of Justice's "peacemaker" for community conflicts related to race, color, and national origin. Such as, allegations of racial profiling, excessive use of force, and disparate treatment in the schools. We also help communities address and prevent hate crimes involving race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion and disability.

Our regional team has worked on community conflict involving many historical issues over the years, including the 9/11 terrorist attack on the Twin Towers, Hurricane Sandy, and hate crime attacks on the LGBTT communities in New York, New Jersey, and Puerto Rico.

Our office is located in New York City, and we assist both urban and rural communities. I invite you to contact us for more information about the services CRS can provide to assist your community